

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A tool box comprising:

a base portion having two side walls between which a bottom and a top are respectively transversely connected, a back wall connected between two rear sides of said two side walls;

[two] one sliding plate[s] respectively and slidably disposed to one of said side walls [corresponding thereto; and];

at least one receiving member pivotally connected to said one of [between] said [two] side walls at [two] one end[s] of a front side thereof and pivotally connected [between] to said sliding plate[s] at said [two] one end[s] of a rear side thereof;

an actuating member pivotally connected between said two side walls at two ends of a front side thereof and pivotally connected to said sliding plate at one end of a rear side thereof so that when pivoting said actuating member about said two ends of said front side thereof, said sliding plate is moved upwardly and said rear side of said receiving member is moved upwardly; and

means mounted to the base portion for covering said at least one receiving member in a closed position and providing access to said at least one receiving member in an open position.

2. Previously canceled.

(11/1) 3. (Previously Amended) The tool box as claimed in claim 1 [further comprising] wherein the means for covering comprises a cover which has a front plate with two side plates extending from two opposite sides thereof, a top plate connected between said two side plates and two legs extending from each of said two side plates, said two legs pivotally connected to said two side walls.

(U/I) 4. (Original) The tool box as claimed in claim 3 wherein said two side walls of said base portion each have a boss extending from an outer surface thereof and each of said legs of said cover has a hole defined therethrough so as to receive said boss corresponding thereto.

(N/I) 5. (Original) The tool box as claimed in claim 3 wherein said back wall of said base portion inclinedly leans on a lower edge of said front plate when said cover is pivoted downwardly about said two bosses and turned to a rear side of said base portion.

Please amend claim 6 to read as follows:

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C 6. (Currently Amended) The tool box as claimed in claim 1 [or 2] wherein said [two] one of said side walls [each have] has at least [two] one first aperture[s] defined therethrough and said [two] sliding plate[s each have] has at least [two] one second aperture[s] defined therethrough, said [two] one end[s] of said front side of said at least one receiving member [each] having a first stub extending therefrom so as to be received in one of said at least one first aperture[s] of said one of said [two] side walls, said [two] end[s] of said rear side of said at least

one receiving member [each] having a second stub extending therefrom so as to be received in one of said at least one second aperture[s] of said [two] sliding plate[s].

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Please amend claim 7 to read as follows:

7. (Currently Amended) The tool box as claimed in claim 6 wherein said two ends of said front side of said actuating member each [having] have a first shaft extending therefrom so as to be received in [said first] apertures of said two side walls, [said two] and one end[s] of said rear side of said actuating member each [having] has a second stub [shaft] extending therefrom so as to be received in a second of said at least one second apertures of said [two] sliding plate[s].

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8. (Original) The tool box as claimed in claim 1 wherein said receiving member has a plurality of receiving recesses defined therein.

Please cancel claims 9-16 and substitute the following new claims:

Please add the following new claims:

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17. (New) A tool box comprising:

a base portion having a back wall and a first side wall and a second spaced-apart generally parallel sidewall extending from the back wall;

a separating board spaced a distance from the first side wall and generally parallel thereto;

at least one receiving member pivotally mounted between said first sidewall and said

separating board at respective pivot points;

an actuating member pivotally mounted between said first sidewall and said second sidewall; and

at least one sliding plate connecting the at least one said receiving member and the actuating member at end locations on the at least one said receiving member and actuating member displaced from said pivot points, whereby rotation of one of said at least one said receiving members and actuating member produces corresponding rotation of any other receiving member and the actuating member so connected by said at least one sliding plate.

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18. (New) A tool box as claimed in claim 17, wherein said first sidewall of said base portion is integral to said back wall of said base portion.

19. (New) A tool box as defined in claim 17, wherein the at least one sliding plate connects the at least one receiving member and actuating member on the ends thereof pivotally mounted to the first sidewall of said base portion.

20. (New) The tool box of claim 19, wherein the at least one receiving member has a plurality of receiving recesses defined therein.

21. (New) A tool box as claimed in claim 17, wherein said separating board is integral with the back wall of said base and is positioned between the first sidewall and a second sidewall of said base.

22. (New) A tool box as claimed in claim 17, wherein there are more than one receiving members and there are two said sliding plates located one at each end of the receiving members and connecting them.

23. (New) The tool box of claim 17, wherein the receiving members have a plurality of receiving recesses defined therein.

24. (New) A tool box comprising:

a base portion having a back wall and a first side wall and a second spaced-apart generally parallel sidewall extending from the back wall;

a separating board having a first portion spaced a first distance from the first side wall and generally parallel thereto and a second portion spaced a second greater distance from the first side wall and generally parallel thereto;

at least one receiving member pivotally mounted between said first sidewall and said first portion of said separating board at respective pivot points;

at least one longer receiving member pivotally mounted between said first sidewall and said second portion of said separating board; and

one sliding plate disposed adjacent said first sidewall and connecting the at least one said receiving member and the at least one longer receiving member at end locations on the said receiving member displaced from said pivot points, whereby rotation of one of said at least one said receiving member produces corresponding rotation of any other receiving member so connected by said at least one sliding plate.

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25. (New) A tool box claimed in claim 24 and further comprising:

an actuating member pivotally mounted between said first sidewall and second sidewall, the sliding plate connecting the actuating member with the receiving members for corresponding rotation therewith.